

**Memorandum on Unexpected Urgent Refugee and Migration Needs Related to Somalia, Sudan, Chad, Other Parts of Africa, and the West Bank and Gaza**

May 10, 2007

Presidential Determination No. 2007–19

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Unexpected Urgent Refugee and Migration Needs Related to Somalia, Sudan, Chad, Other Parts of Africa, and the West Bank and Gaza

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including sections 2 and 4(a)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (the “Act”), as amended (22 U.S.C. 2601 and 2603) and section 301 of title 3, United States Code:

(1) I hereby determine, pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Act, that it is important to the national interest to furnish assistance under the Act, in an amount not to exceed \$29.5 million from the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund, for the purpose of meeting unexpected and urgent refugee and migration needs, including by contributions to international, governmental, and non-governmental organizations and payment of administrative expenses of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the Department of State, related to: (a) humanitarian needs resulting from conflicts in Somalia, Sudan, and Chad, (b) breaks in the food pipeline for refugees in Africa, and in the West Bank and Gaza; and

(2) the functions of the President in relation to this memorandum under section 2(d) of the Act, and of establishing terms and conditions under section 2(c)(1) of the Act, are assigned to you, and you may further assign such functions to any of your subordinates.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 11.

**Commencement Address at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania**

May 11, 2007

Thank you all. Please be seated. Thank you for the warm welcome. Archabbot Douglas, Your Excellency, Jim and Mary Towey, members of the faculty, members of the clergy, moms and dads, and—most important—the class of 2007: Thanks for inviting me. I am honored to be here.

Laura and I feel like we have a very special connection to St. Vincent College through the Toweys. We have come to know Jim and his family well during his time in Washington—after all, he was the Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. And now he’s attained another high office. So today, before his family, his friends, and colleagues—I would like to address Jim with two words he probably never thought he would hear from me: Mr. President. [*Laughter*]

I know he appreciates the importance I place on my speeches. He knows my style well. I want all of you to know I was very moved by a letter he recently sent me that invited me to this commencement. Here is what Mr. President said: “Mr. President, I believe that by hearing you speak, every member of the class of 2007 will leave this campus with a priceless lesson about the importance of the English language.” [*Laughter*] At least he didn’t say, “I’m proud to welcome to the podium a man, the first President for whom English was a second language.” [*Laughter*] I did call him. I said what my speech ought to be about. That’s what I asked him, what my speech ought to be about, Jim. He said, “About 10 minutes,” so here goes. [*Laughter*]

It’s a proud moment for the class of 2007. You’re the largest graduating class in your school’s history. You’re the first class to take a mandatory course in microwaving—[*laughter*]—a requirement that was imposed after you set off a record number of fire alarms while you were trying to make popcorn. [*Laughter*] You cheered the Bearcats with the Carey Crazies. You walked through the lighted arches of Melvin Platz. Some of you are the first in your family to attend college.